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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (HABIB, PHILLIP), RO  
SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

REF: STATE 185098

1. SINCE I HAD ALREADY MENTIONED TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA LAST WEEK MY DISCUSSION WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A FALL VISIT TO BUCHAREST, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY IN TALKING WITH HIM, AFTERNOON OF AUG. 10, TO DETERMINE ROMANIAN INTEREST IN A VISIT IN SEPTEMBER. GLIGA GAVE ME THAT RECONFIRMATION WITH ABSOLUTELY NO HESITATION. HE WILL DOUBLE-CHECK THE CALENDAR AT THAT POINT BUT IS PRETTY SURE THERE ARE NO CONFLICTS. MACOVESCU, FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD BE IN TOWN THEN. I STRESSED TO GLIGA THAT DATES ARE STILL TENTATIVE.

2. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, SEEING AS HOW WE HAVE HAD NO SEVENTH FLOOR VISITORS SINCE NOVEMBER 1974, I DON'T THINK A HABIB SEPTEMBER VISIT AND A CHRISTOPHER OCTOBER VISIT WOULD NECESSARILY BE TOO MUCH, PARTICULARLY SINCE I WOULD EXPECT BOTH FROM OURS AND ROMANIAN STANDPOINTS THE FOCUS SHOULD BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. THE CHRISTOPHER VISIT, AS BUCHAREST 5644 INDICATED, SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON CSCE. GIVEN THE ROMANIAN ROLE IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING AND LIKELY ROLE IN THE FULL  
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MEETING, IT SEEMS TO ME WE HAVE EVERY INTEREST OF TRYING TO MAKE THAT ROLE AS POSITIVE AS POSSIBLE. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY, AS HEAD OF OUR DELEGATION, WOULD BE THE IDEAL PERSON TO HAVE HERE IN OCTOBER PRIOR TO HIS RETURNING TO THE STATES. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A COMMITMENT AT THIS STAGE BUT I ASK THAT THE IDEA BE KEPT OPEN.

3. FOR HYE HABIB VISIT, GIVEN THE UNDER SECRETARY'S INVOLVEMENT IN BOTH THE FAR EASTERN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PROBLEMS AND THE FACT THAT HE WOULD BE COMING TO BUCHAREST FROM VIENNA -- ALL THIS WOULD OFFER A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, ASIDE FROM CSCE, WHICH COULD BE VERY USEFULLY DISCUSSED HERE.  
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